

**Rotary District 7475  
FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
DR. M. ANN WALKO**



**THE AEROGRAM-NEWS FOR ROTARIANS- APRIL 2021**

**ROTARY THEME  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

Where did the month of March go? Again, we were so busy that we didn't see the days fly by. Rotarians were busy booking appointments for vaccinations, we were busy with fundraising, working our projects to make our district one of the best. We have accomplished so much and we are still growing and being creative and innovative in our approach to getting the job done. The calendar for April is already full and May is filling up fast as well as June. Before you can blink an eye-our 2020-21 Rotary season will come to an end.

As we go to press-we will have participated in a 5-part PETS series to prepare the next set of presidents. As your DG, I managed to participate as well-always wanting to learn something new. I also took a 5-day leadership course to hone my skills with notables from the business world in addition to one course on negotiation. On March 10-we joined a program on Positive Peace with Shekhar Mehta through Zone 28/32.

Our by-laws were reviewed and you had been asked to send in any recommendations. **USE YOUR VOICE**-we need your input at the conference where you will vote on changes.

Our Membership Contest is in full swing and your participation could yield money for your coffers. You also had the opportunity to participate in an Eventgroove Roundtable to share information as to what other clubs are doing in terms of fundraising ideas. We continue to induct Paul Harris Fellows and induct new members.

We also completed the Assistant Governor Assessment program and although the sample was smaller than expected-the results yielded information that will be helpful if the program is utilized in 2021-22. It is vital to have assessment modules in place in order for improvement to move any organization forward.

Get ready for a month filled with more exciting plans and programs. We will start off the month with a great deal of information about our annual district conference-several new initiatives, growing our membership and supporting the Foundation. Your DG is excited about where we are going. We will be moving faster and faster as our clock is ticking-June 30 will

come too fast. LET'S KEEP GOING. **DON'T LOOK BACK-WE AREN'T GOING THERE!** We are going to keep moving forward.

Thank you for being in the moment with me and following my lead and thank you for all you do for others. **ROTARY CONTINUES TO NEED YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER!**

### **IMPORTANT FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER**

With the continued uncertainty of the pandemic and COVID-19 virus variants, inconsistent disease mitigation efforts, and the global imbalance of vaccine access-**the board has decided to suspend the Youth Exchange program through 30 June 2022.**



### **A PUBLIC IMAGE MOMENT-THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Communication is the backbone of our society. It is the backbone of every organization-such as Rotary. Nothing happens unless people communicate. Glossophobia or speech anxiety is the most common fear people have across the globe. There are three reasons why public speaking is important.

1. To win over a crowd. The power of persuasion can carry a leader far and get the job done.
2. To motivate people. A mastery of public speaking allows a leader to relate to the audience, gain their trust in order to motivate and inspire people to help the leader accomplish goals.
3. To inform. A good informative speech where you share your knowledge with an audience, enhances their understanding of your intent.

Why not go to the Rotary Learning Center for more information on Public Speaking?



## **MEMBERSHIP—The recruitment cards have arrived! They are GREAT!**

Thanks to Barry Kroll, Ray Freaney, Steve Portrude and Steve Goldberg for working with DG Ann in helping to design a card to attract new members. Each club will get 100 cards-free of charge to GROW MEMBERSHIP. Please make sure that we have mailing addresses for the club presidents. Barry Kroll has a list of those clubs not having a mailing address in the data base.

We continue to get leads from RI and Steve Goldberg is making his way around the clubs talking about our plans to GROW MEMBERSHIP. **HAVE YOU ENTERED THE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST? ARE YOU SEEKING OUT POTENTIAL MEMBERS?** EACH ONE BRING ONE and your club could win money for your projects. The program started on February 1 and will end on June 25. Let's reach our goal of 100 new members. **YOU CAN DO IT!** Contact Steve for more information...stegold94@aol.com.

### **\*\*\*FROM ZONE 28/32-Valarie Wafer, Director-MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*SAVE THE DATE-for the virtual Governor-Elect training and Zone Summit. The GETS, GNTS and DG sessions will begin in late August and end on **SEPTEMBER 23**. The Zone Summit will be **NOVEMBER 2,3,4** and updates will be provided as the program is planned.*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- That Rotary's Learning Center is now available on mobile devices and you can take online courses on most mobile devices? There is a how-to-guide for detailed instructions and if you have trouble using the Learning Center in Go.Learn- write to [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org).
- That the Zone 22-Rotary Africa Centennial International Conference will occur on 23-25 April, 2021? They are celebrating 100 Years of Lasting Change. Book your reservation to connect with fellow Rotarians, business leaders and other organizations and foundations. DG Ann is looking forward to seeing you there.
- That Dean Rohrs of the Rotary Club of Langley Central, British Columbia, was elected to fill the term of Jennifer Jones as a Rotary Foundation Trustee?
- That you should update your club's website and social media efforts?
- That clubs should reach out to new groups for partnerships?
- That it is time to think about changing your club structure for more innovative ways of delivering services as there is a need to become more flexible?
- That clubs should tell their stories to the wider community? Let the community know who you are and what you can do to make life a little bit better for others.
- That the forming of a satellite or e-club is not the only way to offer prospective members a new way of a meeting? Go to [rotary.org/document/club-types](http://rotary.org/document/club-types) for other club models.
- That in the fall of 1932, Paul Harris went on a five-week tour of European Rotary Clubs and planted trees along the way? The trees were symbols of international

understanding and good-will. Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship and to contribute to a greener world.

**THE WILL TO WIN IS IMPORTANT, BUT THE WILL TO PREPARE IS VITAL.**  
**Coach Joe Paterno**

March 29, 1973-American Military forces withdrew from Vietnam and in 2017 this date had been designated as the National Vietnam War Veterans Day. In honor of Vietnam veterans-the State of New Jersey has awarded those veterans the following medals: the NJ Vietnam Service Medal for those who were on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the U.S. in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace on or after Dec. 31, 1960 to May 7, 1975 and the NJ POW-MIA Medal which can be acquired by the next of kin or surviving spouse. There is no fee or charge to receive these medals. Because of COVID-the medals can be requested through the mail. Contact the N.J. Dept. Of Military and Veterans Affairs, ATTN: DVS-VBB (awards) P.O. Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340. Since a number of our clubs are working with veterans and families-this information would be of value to them. Note that we will be honoring men and women of the armed services at our district conference.

### **SHARING IDEAS-THE CLUB CORNER**

We are telling our stories which highlights all the hard work and effort that clubs are exhibiting in service to others.

**Montgomery/Rocky Hill**-Habitat for Humanity is building its first ever house in Montgomery Township and the club has donated 1,000 dollars for the project and will also volunteer their service in work hours.

**Summit-New Providence**-will hold a Rotary Shredding Event on Saturday, April 10 at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit from 9am-12 noon to support their scholarship program. No newspapers or magazines accepted. COVID protocols will be followed. They are also holding a Blood Drive at the Grand Summit Hotel in the Morris Room on April 13 from 1pm-6pm.

**Madison**-the Madison High School Interact Club was active making Spring baskets for the children at the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter and Homeless Solutions. Young people-Our future.

Rotary Club of New Brunswick, N. Brunswick, Milltown and Highland Park has changed to the **Rotary Club of Greater New Brunswick**. They will receive a new charter from RI.

**Nutley Club**-has been assembling Thank You boxes for veterans. They expect to have 30 backpacks for the next distribution. They just held a successful Trivia Night and they also purchased the maximum food on behalf of Interact from the district for double the food. Their Interact club will be having a can shake to raise funds to reimburse the club as well as

handing out flyers concerning the Nutley Ends Hunger project. They are working on Growing Rotary and installed a new member. They also heard from John Nanni, a polio survivor at one of their meetings recently.

**Fanwood-Scotch Plains** is holding a Trivia Night on April 9. Hone your skills and join the fun. Join in as a sponsor. Contact Wayne Zuhl for more information at [waynezuhl@gmail.com](mailto:waynezuhl@gmail.com). They recently enjoyed being toasted by the Rotary Club of Hamilton North in the state of Victoria, Australia and they, in turn, toasted their new friends-both clubs meet on a Wednesday. The Australian club toasts the Queen and RI and toast another club as well at each meeting. This is a nice tradition.

**The Rotary Club of the Mendhams** is starting to work on their scholarship program and possible virtual fundraising programs which they saw listed in the Rotary magazine. The DG stopped in to say hello.

**Roselle-Roselle Park** and the **Kenilworth Club** held a combined meeting. The DG enjoyed a short visit with them and was so glad that they were able to join together in fellowship.

**The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North and South Brunswick** hosted the March Leadership Meeting for the district. It was a pleasure to have the Interactors as part of the program. The club is hosting a virtual fundraising gala on May 8 at 6:30 pm in support of Girl Child Education. Contact President Gattu at 914-382-1083 for more information.

**Branchville** will hold a Day of Learning on May 2 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds and they will have assistance from Rotarians in other chapters as presenters, facilitators and event day staff. Food and beverages will be provided as part of their fundraising effort. Go to <http://sussexcountyfairgrounds.org/html/day-of-learning.cfm> to register.

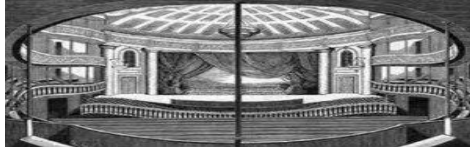
**Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton** collected 110 pairs of pajamas to support Lala and Mimi's Pajama Project, an initiative by twin sisters in Hamilton to ensure NJ kids in need have pajamas to keep them comfortable.

You might want to help them collect diapers and wipes to support HomeFront's Diaper Challenge. The effort will end on April 17 and you can ship diapers to Cindy Rosen, 4 Eisenhower Drive, Robbinsville, NJ 08691.

**Fanwood-Scotch Plains** is still making beautifully themed masks at \$5.00 per mask with donations going to the local food pantries-contact Carmela Resnick at 908-499-4782.

<p>There is a need for medical professionals to COVID VACCINATE NEW JERSEY with SEWA AND FEMA-contact Anjali at 201-785-7392 or Rashmita-973-304-5688</p>
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**THE CONFERENCE CLIPBOARD**  
Lights/Cameras/Action



**THE 7475 DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMING TO YOU  
LIVE FROM**

**THE THEATRICAL ARTS  
STUDIO IN SCOTCH PLAINS**

**MAY 11-14- 7-8:30 pm EACH NIGHT**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROGRAM-HUMAN TRAFFICING-VOTING ON REVISED  
BYLAWS, BUSINESS MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-AWARDS-PRIZES**

**EXCELLENT SPEAKERS-HONORING OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE  
ARMED SERVICES**



**Zachery Beecher-Global Scholar**

**HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS-WOMEN'S MEMORIAL  
SPEAKER-CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5, PHYLLIS WILSON, U.S. ARMY-  
MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL PRESIDENT**

**CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT  
WITH WOMEN OF ROTARY-JENNIFER JONES, RI PRESIDENT-2022-  
2023-VALARIE WAFER, DIRECTOR, RI ZONE 28/32, PAM STALCUP,  
BUSINESS LEADER**

**BARRY RASSIN-PAST RI PRESIDENT**

**ROTARY AWARDS**

**BIG BAND NIGHT-DIRECT FROM THEIR STUDIO-PRIZES**

**ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD-SPEAKER-JAMES LEITNER—  
MISSION CLEAN WATER  
ROTARY AWARDS**

**ENTERTAINMENT-DIRECT FROM THE STRESS FACTORY  
COMEDY NIGHT**

**REGISTRATION OF \$100 GOES TO THE FOUNDATION IN YOUR NAME  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR HONORING MILITARY AND FIRST  
RESPONDERS**

**Help DG ANN reach her ziplining goal  
Go to the district website to make a pledge**



**SUPPORT THE ONCE IN A LIFETIME COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL  
EVERY ATTENDEE RECEIVES A COPY ALONG WITH A THEME MAGNET**

**Use the ad page and samples in the packet you received  
LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST JOURNAL EVER**

**Place an ad to honor a veteran in your club or family, honor the women in your clubs,  
highlight your business, honor a first responder, highlight your project**

**CLUBS-TAKE A PRESTIGIOUS GOLD PAGE IN THE JOURNAL**

**ALL OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE JOURNAL GO TO THE FOUNDATION**

**Check the district website for the daily calendar of conference events**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CONFERENCE PLANNED WITH YOU IN  
MIND!**



The United Nations and Rotary-Celebrating 75 years of Action will occur on April 10 with Rotarians from around the world joining together to highlight Rotarians' lasting support of the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals-hosted by District 7230 of the United States. Check with the district as to reservations.



#### FROM LARRY RIPLEY-CAMP MERRY HEART

Club presidents recently received an email from Easter Seals of New Jersey for assistance with forming work parties to clean and maintain the buildings that our clubs sponsor. To arrange for a work day-contact Helen Drobnis at [hdrobnis@nj.easterseals.com](mailto:hdrobnis@nj.easterseals.com) or 732-955-8380. Those wishing to donate funds to help keep the camp maintained and protected while it is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, please send checks to: Easter Seals of New Jersey, Inc. P.O. Box 51082, Newark, NJ 07101-5176 and please write on the memo line-Restricted to Camp Merry Heart Maintenance. Questions can be addressed to PDG Larry Ripley at [larryripley@verizon.net](mailto:larryripley@verizon.net) or 973-998-1081.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS-FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The monthly Rotary theme for May is Youth Service and for June-Rotary Fellowships

The **2021** International Conference is going virtual-**June 12-16-Taiwan**  
The **2022** International Conference will take place in **Houston, Texas-June 4-8**  
The **2023** International Conference is slated **for Melbourne, Australia-27-31 May**  
The **2024** International Conference will be held in **Singapore-8-12 June**  
The **2025** International Conference-**Calgary, Canada-21-25 June**  
**District 7475-2021 Conference-May 11-14-virtual- 7-8:30pm each night**  
**7475 District Conference-2022-will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania-more**  
**information forthcoming**  
**Rotary Leadership Institute-April 17-see the district website**

